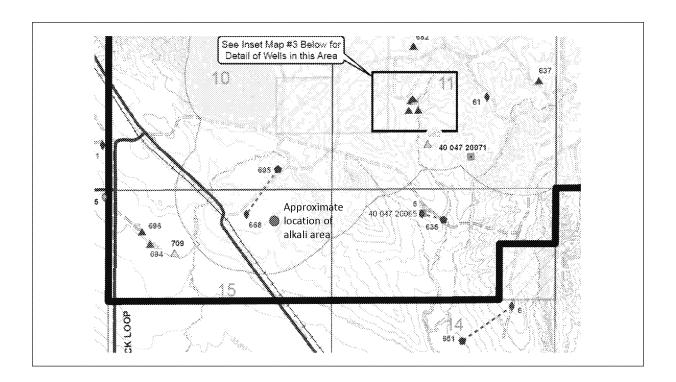


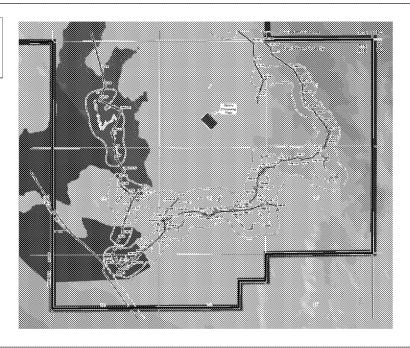
Powertech reviewed infrared images to identify leaking boreholes. These would appear as ponds that have no surface water drainage inflow. They identified one labeled as the Alkali Area above. They will have to look for this borehole or boreholes in this area and re-plug them.

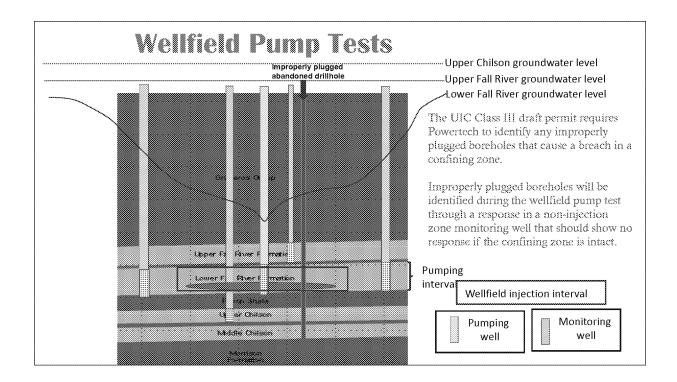




Area where the Fall River Aquifer potentiometric surface is above ground level

Leaky boreholes would show up only where the Fall River groundwater level rises above ground surface. The dark blue area is where this happens. We have to rely on the aquifer pump tests to locate improperly plugged boreholes in other areas that are not a conduit for groundwater to flow to the surface.





The wellfield pump test data must demonstrate vertical confinement to prevent movement of fluids out of the injection zone so that no USDWs are contaminated.

Wellfield pump tests are the best way to identify breaches in confining zones including fractures and improperly plugged abandoned historic drillholes.

The data must also demonstrate that it is possible to contain injection zone fluids horizontally to prevent contaminant migration into USDWs.

If a wellfield pump test shows a breach in a confining zone that cannot be located, reinjection of groundwater is another test method to help identity breaches in confining zones. The Class III permit contains requirements for both activities. Emphasize: "Powertech will not be authorized to inject in any wellfield if it cannot demonstrate that USDWs will be protected during ISR operations, restoration, and post-restoration activities."